(b) and (c) The 36th Session of the Standing Labour Committee took note of the demands/concerns of Unions regarding privatisation, non-revival / closure of sick PSUs, non-payment of wages, guidelines on wage revision etc.; and recommended that the GoM should meet regularly and submit their proposal expeditiously.

Target for issuing gas connections

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SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of gas connections issued during the year 1998-99 in the country;

(b) the target fixed for issuing gas connections during the year 1999-2000;

(c) whether this target is likely to be achieved; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) The number of gas connections issued by the Public Sector Oil Companies during the year 1998-99 in the country was 42.34 lakhs.

(b) The target fixed for issuing new LPG connections during the year 1999-2000 is 70 lakhs.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise, in view of (c) above.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.